GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:48
ANSWERED ON:21.11.2002
INFILTRATION
BIR SING MAHATO;RAGHURAJ SINGH SHAKYA

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether infiltration is still going on despite the regular patrolling by the Indian Army;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check such infiltration effectively?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 48 FOR 21.11.2002

Infiltration is an ongoing feature of the proxy war being waged by Pakistan in Jammu & Kashmir.The terrain configuration and climatic conditions, make it extremely difficult for the Line of Control to be completely sealed.

Adequate military measures have been taken, which include a multitiered defensive-cum-counter infiltration posture along the Line of Control. This counter infiltration posture is constantly reviewed based on intelligence inputs and is paying good dividends by way of attrition caused to the terrorists.

During the current year, there has been a discernible decline in the number of infiltration attempts, because of the enhanced vigilance, deployment of troops and the diplomatic initiatives taken at various levels.